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Back to work

Construction work will soon resume on the North Saskatchewan River bridge

Taxes set

Municipal tax rate in Brazeau County won't see an increase; some residents may see total tax rise



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SKATEPARK GETS SQUEAKY CLEAN THANKS TO KIDS



Mamta Lulla Western Review
Kids of all ages showed up to lend a helping hand in cleaning out the 4-S Skatepark. Teens who are normally seen at the park with skateboards and bikes put their belongings aside for the afternoon to pick up litter and celebrating their accomplishment with a slice of pizza after they were done. For more on Skatepark cleanup see pg. 4.

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Brazeau County council briefs

RCMP REVIEW
Capt. Corey Kyle of the Brazeau RCMP and Sgt. Chris Delisle of the Drayton Valley RCMP attended the April 11 meeting to give council a review of the RCMP's quarterly report for the area. Reporting that for the most part activity in the area was similar to the last quarter, the officers did highlight some of the areas that have seen a decrease in activity. Property crime is one area in which there was a downward trend, including almost a 50 per cent decrease in theft of motor vehicles. The Criminal Investigation Section (CIS) continues to prove a valuable resource with profile offenders, including the issuing of one search warrant that resulted in an arrest as well as the discovery of stolen property. Motor vehicle collisions also saw a decrease, including injuries, while abandoned vehicles have seen a significant increase.

LONGPOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Council received a request on behalf of the Longpole Recreation and Society (LRS) for financial assistance for the repairs to the community centre's boiler system. Costs to repair the boiler, which the LRS has been able to keep operating up until now, were estimated at \$10,000 for parts and estimated labour costs. Council approved the request for financial assistance for \$10,000.

DARE
Council discussed the direction in

which it wishes to go when it comes to the return of LRS programming, which focused on working with local students to educate them on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Reflecting on recent meetings with local school boards, as well as the Brazeau County Council, councillors said they needed to decide what direction they wanted to go regardless of other municipalities and boards. Taking advantage of visiting Grade 6 classes from Burnham School, council asked both teachers and students what the benefits have been to local students. Teachers shared how the impact of having an officer speak with students was greater than compared to when teachers discuss the topic, while students shared stories of how older siblings who took the program learned about the dangers of drugs from the program. Council passed a motion to direct administration to move ahead with working out the details for reintroducing DARE to area schools and contribute one third of the costs associated with the program.

AUDITS AND ASSESSMENTS
Chartered accountants from Hawkeye Eggo Dumont attended council to do an overview of Brazeau County's 2013 financial audit. Once every year as part of a provincial requirement, the county's financials for the previous year were shown to be in order with no major issues found. Council also reviewed a presentation by Accurate Assessment, who performed property assessments through-

out the county for 2013. Sharing with council and administration that it was a very good year for Brazeau County Accurate Assessment said there was an increase in all types of land (i.e. industrial, residential, etc.) and that the area saw 195 new parcels created in the county, as well as 223 new wells drilled. For 2013 Brazeau County had 7,351 wells (non-abandoned), just over 2 per cent of Alberta's total wells, with 70.5 per cent of them producing.

WHITBY HALL
Shawna Macdon attended council on behalf of the Whithy Community League (WCL) to discuss the volunteer organization's request for financial assistance to convert the insurance deductible required in order to repair damaged flooring in the community centre's main hall. Council approved a motion to provide the WCL with \$6,174.20 from unrestricted surplus to cover the insurance deductible. Council also passed two separate motions to donate a barbecue set for the league's upcoming silent auction fundraiser, and to have administration send someone to look into the landscaping for the community centre's property to see if there are any issues that may have contributed or caused the fire's water damage.

DRAYTON VALLEY HORSE CLUB
Council passed a motion to approve the request of the Drayton Valley Horse Club for financial support in the amount of \$1,000 for the replacement of outdoor washrooms that need to be brought up to environmental stand-

ards. The funds are to be taken from FWS.

COMMUNICATIONS
Brazeau County Manager of Economic Development and Communications, Wanda Compton, presented council with the draft for the 2014 Communication Plan for review and approval. Covering areas such as target audiences, strategies, roles and responsibilities, as well as tools, the plan is set to reach the goal of raising public awareness of Brazeau County. Council had previously seen a draft of the plan but Compton thought it required more detail and performed a significant rewrite. Division 4 Coun. Kara Westlund expressed her excitement that the plan looked to make better use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook, highlighting that many other municipalities take advantage of the networking tools to reach out to younger demographics. Compton explained to council that currently communication plans are not being fully utilized due to resources. Council passed a motion to approve the 2014 communications plan with amendments.

TOURISM
Paul Orchenko from Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation attended council to discuss collaborative tourism. Taking advantage of the opportunity Economic Development and Communications Manager Wanda Compton asked Orchenko if he could advise council on how they should move forward with its efforts to purchase the Brazeau Node. Acknowledging their

frustration with dealing with Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, Orchenko highlighted that the department had been experiencing some issues since Environment had merged with Sustainable Resource Development and that they should write a letter directed to him in Brazeau. Council passed a motion to write a letter regarding the Brazeau Node in Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

BUDGET
Council passed a motion to approve amendments to the 2014 budget to accurately reflect the 2014 tax revenue.

AIRPORT
Council passed a motion to approve the additional airport budget of \$11,701.54 to the 2013 Airport budget.

SUBDIVISIONS
Council approved Public Works Policy PW-17 as revised. The resolution will require all subdivisions to be done by Plan of Survey and road widening to be conducted by Plan of Survey or Road Plan. Surveying costs for proposed lots, remnant parcels and road widening on the proposed lots (as requested) will be the developer's responsibility. Surveying costs and compensation of land for road widening on the remnant land shall be reimbursed by Brazeau County upon registration of the subdivision.

ATVS
Council passed a motion to direct administration to research other municipalities that allow ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) use on municipally owned land, including roadways and ditches.



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Rhymetime
Rhymetime Library • Ages 3-5 • Free Program
Wednesdays March 26 - April 30
11:15 am - 11:45 am & 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Features stories, games, crafts, rhymes and songs. Registration appreciated but drop-ins welcome.

Please join us at the Rotary Library
3:30-5:00 for after school fun
April 9-June 18 • Ages 11-18 approx.

April 9-May 7
Tropics Studies Central - Join Gayle in discussion and hands on activities to find out what it's all about.

May 14-28
Art - Join Dana and find artistic talent in similar colours and other mediums. Other topics may include games, drama, book club, writing, music.

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Upcoming Council Meetings
Regular meeting of TOWN COUNCIL
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Council Chambers,
Town Office • 9:00 a.m.

Town Office Civic Centre 5120 - 52 Street | Tel. 780.514.2200 | Fax. 780.542.5753 | Box 6837 Drayton Valley T7A 1A1 | 8:30am - 4:30pm | 24hr Info Line 780.514.2220
Early Childhood Development Centre 780.514.2248 | Downtown Library (Civic Centre) 780.514.2228 | MacKenzie Conference Centre 780.514.2233
Park Valley Pool 780.514.2225 | Rotary Library (Holy Trinity Academy) 780.514.2526 | Omniplex 780.514.2234

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP
Spring has finally decided to show its sunny face around town! But as the snow slowly disappears it's revealing quite a mess!
Click in May 8 for Operation Clean Sweep
Bring your friends, tell your neighbours, it's time for spring cleaning! We all know that many hands make light work so we'll organize who teams up to tidy our town and celebrate our good work when we're done. The festivities start at 3:00 pm at the United Church. For more information or to sign-up call FCSS Program Assistant Emily Hickman at 780-514-2206. Can't wait to see you there!

INCOME TAX PROGRAM
Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
Dedicated local volunteers are trained by Canada Revenue Agency to complete your return free of charge!
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GARAGE SALE SIGNS
Garage sale signs cannot be placed on any town land, including boulevards and right of ways. Signs can only be placed on private property, with permission of the owners, and must be removed within 72 hrs. of being erected. Signs can be posted at the North recycling area on Industrial Rd.
SNOW
Snow that has not yet melted cannot be placed onto any town property, street or sidewalk. Residents are free to move snow around in their own yards as long as the drainage is not directed toward any neighbours property.
LIABILITY
Mud that is tracked from an area/yard is the responsibility of the individual or company that has tracked it. Individuals or the company are asked to clean up after their vehicles as quickly as possible to keep mud from being pooled into the roadways or spread into drainage ditches/gullies.

REUSE FAIR
Aspen Waste Management Facility
Sat, May 3, 2014
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Please do not bring mattresses or box springs, sofas or refrigerators
ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW
The Town of Drayton Valley is proposing to adopt a new Animal Control Bylaw for the licensing, care and control of domestic animals within the town.
Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 201401A at its Regular Meeting of Council on April 2, 2014 to adopt the new Animal Control regulations, and we are now seeking community input.
A copy of the Bylaw may be examined at the Civic Centre during regular business hours or via the Town's website www.draytonvalley.ca. Public Hearing for the Bylaw will be held before the Regular Scheduled Meeting of Council, in the Council Chambers at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre, at 9:00am on May 14, 2014, to the purpose of hearing any objections, recommendations and/or comments pertaining to the proposed Bylaw.
Objections should be submitted in writing prior to the hearing. Those written submissions which have been received before the designated time will be discussed at the meeting before further presentation will be recognized.
Residents are encouraged to attend. Should you have any questions with regard to this proposed Bylaw please contact Chandra Dyck, Legislative Services Coordinator, at the Town Office at 514-2200.

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news Skate park gets a spring cleaning

Teenagers picked up litter at the 4-S Skatepark

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Spring clean up goes beyond just cleaning homes. It means having to keep public spaces just as clean as well to the people who come out for clean up day at 4-S Skatepark on Apr. 10.

Skateboarders and bikers gathered for an afternoon of picking up litter, garbage bags in hand, to spruce up the park for spring.

"This time of the year we're cleaning up and reminding people to keep the park clean," said local pastor Seth Shellen, who was helping youth with the clean-up last week.

"Anyone who uses the park to skate or bike or whatever

they do they're usually pretty good at keeping it clean," he said.

Shellen explained the park is usable if not clean.

"It's important for the community of skaters and bikers because we can't use the park if it's messy, so if people are bringing in mud or trading glass bottles or trading glass bottles, that people don't come in and see the park and have a bad impression of the town."

There are many users of the park who only have the time after work and having no lights is not fun.

"It's pretty frustrating for everyone who has been waiting all winter to have some lights especially because a lot of guys who skateboard are my age. They work all day and they come here after and it's hard to skateboard in the dark," he said.

"We just want the community to help us and police this place. Make sure that it's not getting wrecked for people

who want to use it because it's packed in the summer time. We use it every day and every night."

He also asked the community to be appreciative of teenagers who help keep the park clean and safe.

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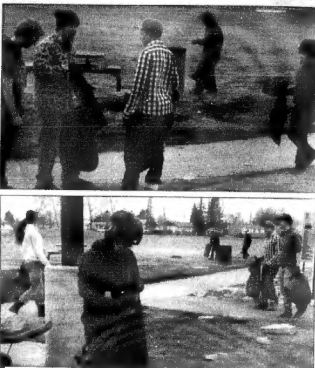
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Youth of all ages gathered at the 4-S Skatepark for second annual clean-up

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Upcoming News & Events

- Council Meeting – April 23rd and 24th from 9am to 4pm to review the Land Use Bylaw, focusing on RV use.
- Capital Planning Meeting on April 30th from 9am to 3pm in the Council Chamber to review and update the 10 year plan.
- Regular Council Meeting will be on May 6th starting at 9am.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on May 13th starting at 10am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 for further information. ***Dates are subject to change.
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting – May 21st at 10am at the County office
- Business Visitation Program – Survey of County businesses in the late spring. Contact the Economic Development department at 780-542-7777 for more details
- *** All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

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Landside	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 6:00pm	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Black Creek	Closed	9:00am - 7:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 6:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Rocky Rapids	Closed	9:00am - 7:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 6:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Cynthia	Closed	Closed	11:00am - 6:00pm	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Breton	Closed	9:00am - 7:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 6:00pm	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed
Lodgepole	Closed	11:00am - 6:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	Closed

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County approves 2014 tax rate

Taxpayers will not see municipal tax increase

Lesley Allan
Western Review

When budget discussions began in Brazeau County council was clear on one fact, they did not want to raise property taxes on Oct. 15 this year. The county's goal was to maintain the 2014 tax rate. "What's important for residents to know this year is that there's no tax rate increase," says Brenda Christie, director of corporate services for Brazeau County. "There's a slight decrease in the school and the senior requisitions, the tax rates, so unless they've seen a change in their (property) assessment they will not see a tax increase."

The process of coming up with the property tax rate is a lengthy one that began in October when administration first began the drafting of the 2014 budget. According to Christie one of administration's main goals is to not only keep taxes from

increasing, but also maintaining a level rate from year to year. "You don't want to lower taxes in a year where you're not doing any capital projects or less capital projects and then increase it hugely next year because all of a sudden you're doing more roads," explains Christie. "You want to try and put money aside for future projects, it's no different than if you were to be shingling your roof at home, you're going to put aside a little money each month as opposed to seeing big fluctuations in your budgeting. So we do the same thing." During the April 15 council meeting when council passed the property tax bylaw, they also heard a presentation by the county's assessment officer, who explained that the county had seen an increase in their assessment, as had landowners in 2013. Due to this fact those who have had an increase in the assessed value of their land may see an increase in their property taxes despite a maintained municipal rate. Christie also explains that although school requisitions have seen a slight decrease, most residents will not see it have much of an impact.

"I would say most will probably stay the same," she says.

Based on the 2014 budget, the property tax rate is determined by the total revenue required for the year, minus grants or other revenue.

Often times budgets can have a fluctuating nature that will need amendments throughout the year, including between the time the budget is approved and the tax notices sent out.

"We start doing our budget in September and then it's presented to council in November and passed in December, so between December and April you may have things come up that you hadn't anticipated," explains Christie. "You amend the budget prior to sending out the tax notices because once you send out the tax notices there's no chance to amend the budget using tax dollars, you would have to use surplus funds that you had."

With the bylaw being passed April 15, Christie says that the county will work to have property tax notices out to residents this week. For more information on the rates, or questions about a notice call 780-542-7777.

Board looks at Evergreen repairs

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Evergreen Elementary School is looking at some significant repairs in the near future. The school will go through a consultation to check the scope of repairs by an engineering firm, as decided at the Wild Rose School Board meeting on April 15. The engineering firm that would be consulted would have to get underneath the building and explore ways to dry out the area affected by moisture. The consultancy of an engineering firm would cost anywhere between \$30,000 to \$40,000, said Associate Superintendent of Corpo-

rate Services at Wild Rose, Gordon Majeran. "Right now we're not certain about what we should do about it, so we are bringing this to the board to have a discussion about us engaging an architect or an engineering firm to come up with a scope of work to see how we can treat the beams, what the moisture levels are and that kind of thing," he said. The school suffers from moisture issues and fans have been installed in the area of the school building to address the issue. Further repairs to the school building is built on beams that have also weakened due to

moisture over the years. "Obviously there's moisture down there and that could lead to all kind of problems," he said. The total cost to repair the building could cost anywhere between \$2 to \$3 million estimated. Representatives from Alberta Education explored the school building a few weeks ago and recognized the problem. "They wanted to know what was portion we were willing to pay from our capital reserves but I wouldn't want to identify an amount at this point," he said. Planning from Alberta government is yet to be determined, as the cost of repairs isn't yet known.

DRAYTON VALLEY KIN CLUB PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

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TUESDAY APRIL 15 MUSICAL THEATRE 12:30 PM, 5:30 PM	THURSDAY APRIL 24 PAWOL 9:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16 CHOIRS 9:00 AM, 1:20 PM, 6:30 PM	FRIDAY APRIL 25 PIANO 9:00 AM, 1:15 PM, 6:30 PM
MONDAY APRIL 21 JUNIOR VOICE 9:00 AM, 1:15 PM, 5:35 PM	TUESDAY APRIL 29 RAAGINSTRUMENTAL 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 6:30 PM
TUESDAY APRIL 22 SENIOR VOICE 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM	THURSDAY MAY 1 7:00 PM

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TIME SERVED FOR MISCHIEF

A man who told Judge Marilyn White he is a "good kid" who just wanted to get back to work was sentenced to time spent in custody last week in Drayton Valley Provincial Court. Graham Earle pleaded guilty to assault and mischief in relation to an incident that happened last month. Around 5:30 a.m. on Mar. 5, Drayton Valley RCMP received a complaint from a woman who said her ex-boyfriend had attended her residence. The woman told police that she had been asleep when she heard banging and yelling at the door. Realizing it was her ex-boyfriend she let him in and he started yelling and throwing things. Last week Earle admitted to grabbing the woman and then smashing her phone by throwing it against the wall.

The 21-year-old has been in custody since being arrested that morning. Last week Judge Marilyn White sentenced him to 37 days in jail, giving him credit for the 37 days already spent in custody.

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

NETS FINE

A man found in possession of an item previously reported stolen was fined last week.

David Adams pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property as well as failing to comply with a court order and obstructing a peace officer. On Feb. 9 Drayton Valley RCMP responded to a complaint of a man looking in vehicles with a flashlight and trying door handles. Police located a man matching the description of the suspect near where the complainant had seen the man. Police seized a laptop and other items in his possession. The laptop turned out to have previously been reported stolen from an oldfield company.

Last week the 34-year-old said he purchased the laptop for \$100 and admitted he should have realized it had been stolen.

Judge Marilyn White issued Adams a \$1,000 fine for the charge of possession of stolen property. He was given lesser fines for obstructing a peace officer by giving police an incorrect date of birth and failing to comply with a court order for failing to remain in the province of B.C. as he was supposed to.

Have an event coming up?

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our editorial

Landscape plan cements importance of green spaces

Public green spaces play an important social role in any community. They become gathering places, provide a venue for activity year round and offer an aesthetic break from residential, commercial and industrial development. Green spaces also play an important role in the more practical functions of a municipality by assisting with issues such as drainage.

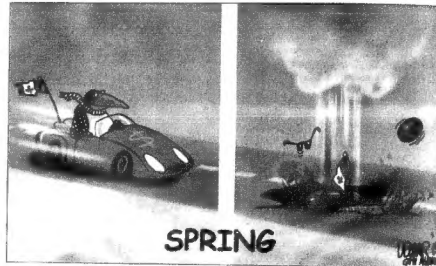
Several years ago, as part of its Community Sustainability Plan, the town of Drayton Valley identified the importance of green spaces and the role they play in both the social and functional sustainability of a community. Deciding to take that idea a step further, the town commissioned a Landscape Management Plan in 2011. The plan sets out guidelines on how green spaces, including parks, walkways and urban woodlots should be maintained, as well as offering recommendations on dealing with issues such as weed management, wildlife management and snow storage.

The plan, approved earlier this month, shows the Town of Drayton Valley recognizes the vital role green spaces are going to play in this community continues to grow. The plan lists nine parks and

green spaces in Drayton Valley — in addition to town walking paths. Several 'pocket parks', smaller spaces usually found within neighbourhoods, are also identified. For a town the size of Drayton Valley, that's a lot of public space for residents.

Far from just listing the areas the plan also notes current infrastructure and usage at each and makes recommendations on how the town could look at enhancing or expanding them in the future. In a municipality that's been recognized for its work in creating a sustainable future, it shouldn't be a surprise that work would be done to make sure green spaces are acknowledged for their value and guidelines set for their future development, expansion and maintenance. It's still worth mentioning, because the Landscape Management Plan has taken an element of the municipality that could have been relegated to a section in other documents, singled it out and placed value on the role it will play in the sustainability, growth and resident enjoyment of Drayton Valley.

The plan can be viewed on the Town of Drayton Valley website at www.draytonvalley.ca.



SPRING

From A to B

When deciding to write my column on the realities of the seven(ish) hour road trip required to reach my faster destination last weekend I at first thought 'On the road' would be perfect. It is short, catchy and perfectly describes what was happening. After re-reading it and churning in that other, far more gifted at prose than I, had travelled that road (so to speak) before, I thought it might unfairly inflate your expectations of the paragraphs that follow. I therefore settled on something a slightly less flashy. With that said, here we go.

In my younger days, when the freedom a licence and access to a vehicle provided was still new, the prospect of a road trip — of which a journey of anything more than an hour qualified — was a time of celebration. It meant digging out the 'Road Tunes' mix and hoping. It wasn't too much to hope for. It meant a trip to the store to load up on more snacks than any group of people could consume in 120 minutes. It meant making sure passengers were armed with magazines and quizzes to pass the time. It meant



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

some really bad Backstreet Boys karaoke was only the turn of an ignition away. It was windows rolled down and a belief that the journey was going to be just as epic as the end goal.

Now it's simply the necessary interval between destinations. Oh, I'm not saying a road trip doesn't still require some planning, even as a passenger. I'm just saying that last week as I was deciding what for pants to wear for the seven hours I would be in the vehicle there was no sign of that giddy excitement. Of course, some things never change. Snacks are still a vital part of the experience. But now, with my quick about public roadways, it's become more scientific as I calculate the drink to snack ratio

that will ensure I will not find myself in a situation where I have to endure a sub-par washroom nightmare along the way.

These days I'm about as loose as a trip before the old 'you're hip' starts making its uncomfortable self known. Luckily for me my short stature makes it relatively easy for me to shift positions and get at least a half-decent stretch in while still confined to limited spaces.

Conversation tends to be less about what you and Jonathan Taylor Thomas are going to name your children and more about why the hell the person in front of you can't pick a lane and realize that Armageddon will not be triggered if they drive 10 kilometres above the posted speed limit.

As the hours tick by the focus must revolve around keeping your eyes open and making sure the driver does the same until finally the ultimate goal is reached. At that point, instead of being and that the journey is over you spend 10 minutes gawping and stretching before you realize spending seven hours still doing nothing is exhausting and decide to call it a night.

opinion

A cheat sheet for moving

From the far East to the far West, let's just say I've been around. So what does moving mean to me?

Moving means always nodding and saying yes to any invites that you may receive. Because, let's face it, you're desperate. As you're trying to bring back the mostly social interaction in your life that existed when you were trying to juggle two jobs. In other words you want to meet new people and quickly make friends, and B) You need to learn about the new place, pronto. (No, no, stop making a face. I'm not talking about Drayton Valley here. I've lived in other places too, remember?) It means you should have a reflex answer to the most asked question: how do you like it around here? Not quickly, followed by a believable answer. Use generic adjectives that the town is already known for, for example people here are friendly and very sociable.

It also means remembering not to overindulge to the point that secrets are revealed. Not until you trust in a friend anyway. So watch the number you chug down at the next social gathering.

It means changing your relationship status to single. You're not going to invest in a long distance relationship, are you now? They're not trendy



Manta's Musings
Manta Lule

anyone. Movies like The Notebook and Sleepless in Seattle are cheesy and old. And they make for good movies, not life.

Being the mysterious tourist for a while — because people are curious and friendly if you look like an alien walking around town with a camera. Yes, try it.

It means pretending to laugh and nod along when you have no idea what the conversation is about like you're listening in. But today we Google

and not try to read through an entire Encyclopedia. Or be wise and speak up. I learned that the hard way.

Research! Spend hours online to learn about the new place. Walk around the neighbourhood. And my dad's favourite — listen to the local radio.

In this town I learned to ditch my \$120 GPS and look at the streets and landmarks instead. Otherwise you'll never learn your way around town.

Get out of your comfort zone. For example, agreeing to share a bathroom with two strangers (if you have to. (Ugh... I hope my mum doesn't read this one). Because you need that job, so you need a place to stay, so yes, your pampered self will learn to share.

Get lost. Yes, that's right, because you won't find yourself if you're not lost. In Alice in Wonderland, Alice asks the Cheshire Cat, which way she should take. The cat's reply is where does she want to go? Alice's reply is she doesn't know, to which the cat said it doesn't matter then.

Conclusion: Maybe we should just take a chance sometimes and let life take control and get us where we need to be.

Lastly, take a chance. You might regret it, sure. But won't you regret it more if you didn't take it?

So all you newbies out there, this is my guide to you. You're welcome.

Around the water cooler...

Well, we hope the sun has found its pleasure by the time you're reading this, and that everyone had a wonderful Easter with family and friends.

The numbers are in factually the numbers were in last week and we forgot to include it in the water cooler and everyone involved in the Jeff Zorn Memorial Hospital should be proud! Supporters came out in force and a total of \$23,165 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Great job everyone!

Treat most to a nice cup of tea and maybe something for her sweet tooth at the upcoming United Church Mother's Day Strawberry Tea, Plant and Bake Sale. The annual event is set for May 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the youth wing of the United Church. Be sure to check it out.

We have some reminders from our good friend Colleen at the Health Services Foundation. All you equestrians out there should mark May 4 on your calendar and start collecting pledges from friends and family because it's time for the Annual Trail Ride Against Cancer! Hosted by the Drayton Valley Horse Club the day includes two pleasure rides followed by dinner at the Riverside Trails. All funds raised will help the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation support cancer detection and treatment at the Drayton Valley Hospital. Details, including an alternate date in case the weather refuses to cooperate, can be found at www.dvhscc.ca.

The foundation is also once again welcoming all those old phones you don't know what to do with. With Earth Day on Apr. 22 it's the perfect time to kick off the annual Earth Day Recycling Contest where the health services foundation can earn money for old cell phones. Last year the organization was third place in all of Canada after collecting 551 phones for the contest. This year they want to be No. 1! Call phones have to be donated by the end of May to qualify for the contest and all funds collected will go toward replacing funerals at Severn House. So find those old phones you have stashed at home and call Colleen at 780-621-6914 to see who she wants you to drop them off with. See WATER COOLER on pg. 10

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Author releases YA novel

The Coalition is the first in a new trilogy of dystopian fiction by local author

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Two years ago local writer Yvette Dempster decided it was time to put the story that had been formulating in her mind for years, down on paper. Nine revisions and many, many late nights later the first book in her trilogy has been released.

The Coalition is the first in what will be three books in the series of young adult novels that Dempster is publishing under the pen name Aria J. Wolfe.

Writing is nothing new to Dempster, who has been putting words down on paper since grade high. But the story and characters who make up the Coalition, and the two books that will follow, have been waiting several years to get onto paper.

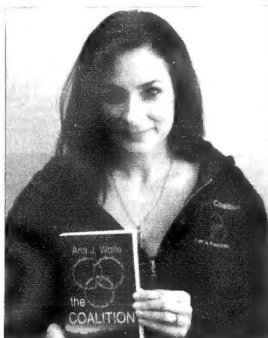
"This particular trilogy has been roaming around (in my head) for a long time," said Dempster last week.

The series takes place in a dystopian society and begins with 16-year-old Shai and the president everyone in her community is required to wear.

According to the book jacket, "When a book, a key and a vision begin to unravel the sinister secret behind the necklaces, Shai discovers the guy she's falling for may not be who he says he is."

Although it's an idea that's been percolating for years, the recent appetite for dystopian fiction, with the popularity of series such as The Hunger Games and Divergent, made it an ideal time to write and publish her Coalition trilogy. Saying she never wanted to be a writer of "fad fiction," Dempster said far from simply jumping on the bandwagon, she believes the increased popularity of dystopian fiction is simply making a genre she's been interested in for years, more accessible to a wider range of readers, young adult and adult alike.

The often darker themes



Courtney Whalen Western Review

Local author Yvette Dempster has released the first book in a trilogy of young adult fiction. A book launch is being held at the DCS Learning Commons Apr. 22 from 6-8 p.m.

found in dystopian fiction are ones she feels young people today relate to, but she also feels it's important to include a message of hope in her stories.

"I think in the end that I want people to realize they don't have to be hemmed in by their circumstances," she said.

The journey to take the series from idea to finished product was an arduous one. Dempster admits. Book one of The Coalition Series went from 50,000 to 70,000 words and nine different revisions before final editing. In the beginning, to give her inspiration, she designed a book cover and book trailer for The Coalition. Through-out the process it was her mother who saw many of the different revisions and gave feedback.

When she started, Dempster had the motivation of a writing challenge to keep her focused. When that was over it was up to her to create "self-inflicted" deadlines until it was ready to be printed.

"I kept crazy hours," she said. To meet her deadlines and focus on her work required a lot of support from her family

and friends.

"That support is priceless," she noted.

In the end, with final edits done and the first book in her hands, it was time to start sharing her novel. Although it's been the goal throughout the writing and publishing process, sharing the finished product with others can be nerve wracking, she admits.

"To actually put it in the hands of people... it's kind of like your baby."

This week she's hoping to put her book in more hands when she hosts a book launch party on Tuesday, Apr. 22. From 6-8 p.m. Dempster will be at the Drayton Christian School Learning Commons with copies of the Coalition, ready to answer questions and sign her book.

With the trilogy already mapped out, the second book is set for release this fall, with the final installment to follow next year. As well as the paperback edition The Coalition is also available as an e-book.

To find out more go online to www.ariawolfe.com, or find her on Facebook by searching Aria J. Wolfe.

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Community sets to work toward granting wishes

Committee finds success raising money

Brittney Gaudet
Special to the Western Review

Three years ago seven local women started an event that ended up raising more than \$230,000 to help make wishes come true for sick children. At that time Judy Gaudet, Irene Baranish, Joy Dempsey, Rhonda Wasylowich, Brittney Gaudet, Shaye Cowling, and Julie Shewchuk came together and to organize the very first Lighting Up Lives gala in Drayton Valley that was held Apr. 26, 2012.

The results of that inaugural event were beyond anything they expected. "It was spectacular," said Baranish. "I never expected the community to pull together and local businesses to donate the way they did in support of the foundation. Without everyone involved we couldn't make this event possible."

"I felt amazed at the generosity we received with our first event," said Judy Gaudet.

The event raised more than \$230,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation.

After attending the first gala the committee was approached by Amber and Wade Thomas with hopes of being able to help make another outstanding event possible for the following year. Amber Thomas is not only a committee member, she is also a wish recipient. Amber often becomes the local committee's motivation to keep doing what they do, say members.

"We were doing the annual Walk for Wishes and we thought that a gala would help raise even more funds for the cause. The point of the event is to help children between the ages of three and 17 with life-threatening illnesses. We've raised enough funds to be able to grant around 35 children in the surrounding area a wish. Each wish cost the foundation \$10,000 and all the money raised goes sent directly to the foundation, as the committee I made up of only volunteers as we are a non-profit organization, which is phenomenal," said Baranish. "With the help of our local businesses and sponsors we hope to raise even more for the cause."

Now with a complete committee of nine members the local group is organizing for the third gala, coming up on May 9 at the Mackenzie Conference Centre. The event will start with cocktails at 5 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. catered by the local Cobblestone Cafe. After dinner there will be a live and silent auction featuring

ing Russ Peabody and Graham Neil, followed by a dance.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that I am a part of the process that is helping a child get a wish," said Cowling. "There is no better feeling than the feeling you get at the end of the night knowing that all your hard work has paid off and it's worth it. The smile on a child's face is worth more than anything else in the world."

This year alone the Drayton Valley Children's Wish Foundation committee was able to grant three wishes to local children.

Tickets are available for \$75 each, or \$600 for table. You can purchase them by contacting Baranish at 780-542-1538 or 780-514-4836 or e-mailing judy.gaudet@wvfd.ca. They can also be purchased at Freshly and Value Drug Mart. Those interested in making a cash donation, item donation or becoming a sponsor also contact Baranish or Gaudet.

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Wild Rose School Division meeting briefs

BOARD LOOKS AT UNIFYING FOR ADVOCACY
Attendees at the Wild Rose School Board meeting on April 15 decided to form an ad-hoc committee to have a unified voice for effective advocacy.

Right now all the groups involved in education tend to do their own advocacy. So the Alberta Teachers' Association, the school board would advocate (on their own) potentially for funding, so the question was why don't we align this? We look at what we can do together because if we can do it together we can do it better,"

explained Chairperson of Wild Rose School Division Board, Nancy McJure.

The ad-hoc committee that would work collaboratively is still in its initial stages and members who would potentially be on it are yet to be determined.

"It would have some people from the board and probably management and as well the Alberta Teachers Association Local," she said.

President at Timberline Local, Brenton Baum, brought the initiative to the board's attention.

Baum explained two years ago, the sustainable funding model was eliminated and it hurt education, which led to an initiative of working together.

"We're encouraging other school boards in our zone to do the same thing. We're trying to start small locally but try to see if we can push out to other school boards around us. And let the MLAs know that we have issues here," he said.

He said lack of sustainable funding has led to various issues one of them being infrastructure at Evergreen school.

"Infrastructure is a huge issue and what are school boards supposed to do with limited amount of funding?" he said.

Last year about 23 full time teachers were cut in Wild Rose School Division "which is a substantial number when we have about 300 teachers in our school division. So where do those students go?"

We see an increase in class sizes, which leads to students struggling to get their teachers' attention," he explained.

COLLABORATING REGIONALLY
Wild Rose School Division Trustees decided to jointly work with other school divisions in Zone 1 to have a conversation with the provincial government about the current service delivery-funding model.

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30 vendors booked their tables at Swap Meet



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Local shopper Ben Nasheim at the annual SWAP Meet held at Sekura Auction building. The event was organized by the Northern Thunder Classic Auto Club of Drayton Valley that saw about 700 people go through the doors. The swap was held this weekend to encourage recycling of old car parts.

WRSD meeting briefs

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Superintendent of Schools, Brian Celli explained the new funding model for service delivery is based on a formula that has led them short of funds estimated around \$1 million.

"They intended to bring together a number of school jurisdictions to better provide service. It came together as a really good plan in place and everyone assumed that we will go forward with the same funding we always had in place before," he explained.

"(But) when the funding was given out to the regional collaborative group in our area we wound up \$1.2 million short," he said.

The new funding model has qualifiers, which doesn't work out for the region, he explained at the meeting.

"They have changed it from funding by identified student need to funding by trend. It makes it easier for

them to predict but doesn't address what the actual need is," he said.

One of the ways in which funds are given out is based on birth rate, which is low in the area. Celli said mothers usually go to Edmonton or Calgary to give birth.

"We don't have babies born in Drayton Valley at all and especially high needs. So these kids are being represented in other demographics, not ours," said McClure.

"They have a formula, so it doesn't matter what our classrooms look like or what our needs are, they have a formula to give money out which doesn't really represent our needs," she said.

"So our needs are being misrepresented," she said.

CURRICULUM REDESIGN
Alberta School Board Association sent a letter to the school board about curriculum redesign that was com-

municated to them from the Minister of Education, that was presented at last week's board meeting.

The board has already been having conversations about curriculum changes at the table and the community, the trustees noted.

"I believe we have our thoughts on it. Doesn't mean they're significantly different but I would like to see something come from us that says what our belief is in regard with curriculum redesign and where it's going and how things are progressing," said McClure.

The board concluded they would reply to the letter stating that Wild Rose School Division will continue what it's been doing so far without any major alterations to its plan.

"We've had significant conversations about it, we have got flexibility and we have a lot of pieces," she said.



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Students exchange stories

Student from Ecuador lives in Drayton Valley while a local student plans to head to Norway

Mamta Lulla Western Review

Rotary International Youth Exchange students met at a spring conference held last month in Edmonton where 60 students from around the world gathered to share their experiences.

The three-day session had students and parents along with counselors of the local Rotary district gather to share information.

"Someone has just come back from a year away, and some of them are ready to go. So they help each other and some of them are here from another country. So they all help each other, talk to each other and share information and share contacts. Make friendships and hopefully stay in touch throughout the year," said Elaine Tamboline who acts as a liaison between the student, the family and the Rotary Club for the program.

The Youth Exchange program as part of the Rotary Club operates in 22 countries including Brazil, Ecuador, Switzerland, Austria, Japan, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Thailand.

The Drayton Valley Rotary Club has an incoming student and an outgoing student each year from any of the 22 countries at the same time letting Canadian candidates go to any of the countries.

Tamboline said spring conference is a turning point for students.

"Up till then kids say 'oh, I'm going to go to another country. I'll go touring or skiing.' And once they hear stories at spring conference and listen to students who have been away and come back or listen to stories of kids who've been here and listen to difficulties and joys that they have faced when being away then everything starts to sink in to them and their parents," she said.



Photo submitted

Trace Malcolm, left, an outbound student to Norway and Santiago Carrera, right, an inbound student from Ecuador at the Rotary International Youth Exchange spring conference in Edmonton.

"Parents understand they're going to lose their child for a year. And students realize they're going to be away from their family for a year," she said.

Trace Malcolm, who attended the spring conference as he prepares to leave for Norway this fall as part of the program, said the orientation was an eye opener for him.

"I went to the information session and I was told I was accepted. I went to the district interview to guarantee my acceptance. Okay yeah awesome. I'm going to Norway. And then I go to spring orientation and it hit me that all of this is really happening. It's talking to all the people and listening to their stories," he said.

Tamboline said spring orientation helps students visualize their day-to-day living in another country.

"You land there and you cannot speak the language. And you can't even say hello or where is the bathroom," she said.

Tamboline said due to language barriers students often in other countries don't pass the year they are away.

"It's about getting experience and learning the language and about doing things and learning the culture. But students probably won't pass the year. But the balance is gaining so much more while you're away," she said.

Canadian students who are going to other countries usually go during their Grade 11 year and come back for Grade 12 and carry on with their goals of university or college.

"I'm in Grade 10 right

now and so I'm going to be gone for my Grade 11 year and while I'm there I probably won't get credits for the school work that I do there so I will have to come back and retake my grade 11 year and then do my grade 12 year," said Malcolm.

The cost of Youth Exchange program is \$5,000 half of which is funded by the Drayton Valley Rotary Club along with the cost of flying, visa and insurance. Every Rotary Club has a different funding policy.

Tamboline said they select candidates based on personalities, their involvement in community and their willingness to get out of their comfort zone.

"The role of a student is being an ambassador for Drayton Valley, Alberta and Canada. They're the impression that Canada is going to give to that country. We want them to invite Canadians back again," she said.

Santiago Carrera an inbound candidate from Ecuador who has been living in Drayton Valley since August said candidates are often left second-guessing their choices while they're away from their family. But it builds confidence.

"When I go back to do university, I know I will have more confidence. I would be independent and be on my own. I know I could do it," he said.

He is scheduled to live with four host families while his time in Drayton Valley.

Tamboline encourages families to get involved in the experience, volunteering as host families. For more information contact the Rotary Club of Drayton Valley.

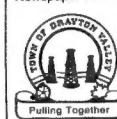
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sports

Local gymnasts continue to 'Shine' with club

Program improves the skills of all participants

Shine Gymnastics
Special to the Western Review

It has been an exciting year here at Shine Gymnastics. Our programming for walking to adult is progressing beautifully with many toddlers moving up into advanced classes without their parents, classes being offered up to the blue badge level in CANGYM and our new rhythmic and cheer classes being in high demand!

Our demo teams recently returned from a fantastic training session at Calgary's Gymnastics Club. Our gymnasts had the opportunity to test their skills in a massive facility with some very serious gymnasts, and we enjoyed swimming, a pizza party and a trip through the Canada Sports Hall of Fame. You can catch our talented teams during our school tour on Apr. 25 or at our Spa

ghetti Dinner at the Masonic Hall on May 24. Come enjoy a delicious dinner, bid on our silent auction items and support your local non-profit group. Call Reanna at 780-542-2909 for tickets and info.

Our rhythmic team is off to Edmonton to train with Elena's Competitive Rhythmic Club and build our legs at the brand new LaunchPad trampoline facility!

The addition of rhythmic gymnastics heralds our entrance into competitive programming. Beginning in July, we will be running introduction classes and tryouts for those lucky gymnasts who will represent Shine in rhythmic competitions next year. Our cheer team will also be stepping into the competitive arena under the skillful instruction of Coach Kelly.

Watch for us during this year's school demo tour, featuring our Junior, senior and preschool teams, as well as our rhythmic team. We will be travelling through the schools this Friday. Our artistic gymnastics is continuing year

round, with an eight week session running through May and June. Registration is at our in-town location at 8606-55 St., Back Bay #3, behind DV Physio. Come try a class for free and test our new rings! We have parallel and uneven bars, high and low beams, matted floors, and a trampoline to go with our certified trampoline instructor!

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HFL maintains strong ties with Lushoto

Courtesy Whalen
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ties in Lushoto who wouldn't have reliable access to health care otherwise.

The government partnership may have ended several years ago, but the Drayton Valley community continues to have close ties to Lushoto, Tanzania through the Hearts for Lushoto organization.

The community group, originally formed to help grandmothers in the African country who were supporting younger generations of their families, many of them living with HIV/AIDS, has grown to have a leading impact on Lushoto. Support from the Drayton Valley/Hearts for Lushoto in working with the Lushoto Community Foundation and other organizations to implement everything from education and awareness programs and medical treatments to micro-economic initiatives and assistance with school fees.

Carolyn Schoepf learned the group back in 2007 partly as a way to honour her brother Cam, who died from AIDS in the years since then. Hearts for Lushoto, with the support of the community, has made great inroads with many projects in Lushoto.

Chief among those is the Barbara Matheson AIDS Education and Awareness program. In the beginning the program was delivered to secondary students in Lushoto, teaching personal safety, offering HIV testing and distributing female condoms. The goal of the program is to empower individuals, especially women, through education and access to resources. That program had such an impact in Lushoto that the Tanzanian government has now incorporated it into the curriculum for secondary schools and colleges throughout the country.

"I definitely think we've saved lives with the AIDS program," said Schoepf.

Funds and donations provided to Hearts for Lushoto, which works in conjunction with the Lushoto Community Foundation, that was established with the help of, and modelled after, the Drayton Valley Community Foundation, is also making an impact in other areas of health in Lushoto. Money collected through donations has been placed throughout the local community, as well as direct donations, are used to provide yearly medical insurance to people and families in Lushoto who wouldn't have reliable access to health care otherwise.

Recognizing that some times a small amount of capital can assist a Lushoto family to improve its ability to support itself, the organization also operates a micro-economic program through the sale of Empowerment Cards. Area residents can donate in amounts of \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 with that money provided to a Lushoto family that uses it to make improvements to the small business ventures they use to support their families. The donor is able to learn about the business and the family they are assisting, with updates available on the program.

Branding out the programs in Lushoto is educational assistance for students who are in danger of having to leave school due to an inability to pay school fees.

Schoepf said the support for Hearts for Lushoto continues to be strong with individuals and businesses also collecting and sending other donations, from school supplies to personal safety items, such as a donation of wind-up flashlights recently distributed through the Lushoto Community Foundation.

"There is a lot of corporate and business support that is ongoing," she said.



Photo submitted
A Lushoto, Tanzania resident displays the medical insurance card made possible through donations to Hearts for Lushoto.

oto supporters have formed a strong bond with the Lushoto community.

"Many people from Drayton have been there," she said. Even if a visit to Lushoto isn't on the agenda, Hearts for Lushoto provides a way for the community to make a tangible difference to families in that community.

In addition to donations to specific programs, such as medical insurance or Empowerment Cards, the organization puts on the annual Taste of Drayton Valley held on Canada Day. Funds are also raised through the sale of scarves. The scarves, which Schoepf said make a good Mother's Day gift, are currently available locally at Your Choice Embroidery. Scarves will also be for sale at this weekend's Home Expo being held at the MacKenzie Conference Centre and then on May 10 at the Scout's hall from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For those interested in getting more actively involved in the organization Schoepf said they are always looking for volunteers to help with events, or those interested in joining the volunteer board. Local businesses willing to sell the fundraising scarves would also be welcome.

For more information and contact information visit Hearts for Lushoto online at www.heartsforlushoto.ca.

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Fire Services briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

COOKING LAUSES ALARMS

April 12 was not a good day for cooking in the area as the Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services responded to two calls that were the result of culinary arts gone wrong.

Around 6:10 a.m. on Apr. 12 the fire services were called to a residential alarm. When they arrived it was determined a resident had put a pizza in the oven and fallen asleep. The pizza then started to burn and set off the alarm.

Later that day, around 6:10 p.m., firefighters were called to investigate another fire alarm in that instance the fire alarm was triggered after a resident had put pork chops on the stove and then left the cooking items unattended.

Those alarm calls were two of the six calls for service members of the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services responded to from Apr. 9 to Apr. 16.

On Apr. 9 around 10 p.m. the fire services were dispatched to an alarm going off and a complaint of an odour of gas coming from a shop. When fire crews arrived they were unable to access the building, however an investigation of the exterior of the structure turned up high levels of carbon monoxide around the entrances. Fire Chief Tom Thomson said the fire services notified the building owner of the situation so they could have it dealt with.

The fire services arrived in the early morning hours of Apr. 11 fire crews were dispatched to reports of a vehicle on fire. The call came in around 5:30 a.m. and saw emergency services heading to a location near Twp Rd. 491 and Range Road 81. When crews arrived on scene the vehicle was engulfed in flames. Fire Chief Tom Thomson said the RCMP is conducting the investigation into the fire.

The final call came in around 11 p.m. on Apr. 15 after residents phoned when their carbon monoxide detector was going off. Firefighters arrived and confirmed the heightened levels of carbon monoxide in the home. The cause was pinpointed as a gas stove.

BEWARE WITH BATTERIES

With a mix of dangerous ingredients batteries, both household and vehicle, should always be handled with care and caution, says Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services Fire Chief Tom Thomson.

Despite their small size household batteries can still pose a hazard for injury if they're not used and disposed of properly, notes Thomson. Because they contain poisonous materials batteries should never be left accessible to children or pets or given to them to play with. Batteries should never be crushed, punctured, heated or altered in any way and users should always follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Thomson says that includes replacing all batteries in an object at the same time and not mixing different batteries. Doing so could cause problems that end in injury or a hazard.

Although small, even household batteries should be disposed of properly, and that's not just throwing them in garbage, says Thomson. Bat-

teries should be taken to the local waste management facility, which has a specific area for batteries. Although they may look innocuous there are a number of things individuals need to keep in mind when handling batteries for their vehicles or other larger equipment.

Thomson says the fire services has come across some concerns surrounding batteries during inspections. Because they contain sulphuric acid (battery acid), which is highly corrosive, improperly stored and handled batteries can pose serious risk of burns. The acid is also extremely flammable and catches easily if exposed to sparks, heat or fire. That means people working with batteries should be wearing the proper protective equipment, including goggles, gloves and even an apron.

Weighing anywhere between 14-27 kilograms individuals should also avoid injuries like back pains or strains by following proper lifting procedures when moving batteries, notes Thomson.

If attempting to charge a battery be sure you're doing it in a well-ventilated area and that the terminals have been cleaned before attaching the charger. You should never attempt to charge a frozen or damaged battery and the charger should be turned off prior to removing it from the battery. If you need to add water to your battery, Thomson says it should always be distilled, don't just turn on the faucet and use tap water. Lastly, metallic objects should be kept well away from batteries to prevent a short circuit and sparks. Flashes, cigarettes or anything hot should be kept away from where batteries are stored or being handled to avoid the possibility of an explosion due to the highly flammable gas contained in batteries.

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Members of Drayton Valley Hearts & Hands Quilters' Guild get together every Wednesday to make quilts, which are then donated to charitable organizations.

Quilts donated to charity

Quilt show to be held next month where more than 200 quilts will go on display

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Drayton Valley Hearts and Hands Quilters Guild has been donating quilts for about a decade continuing the charity drive this year with about 50 quilts to give away.

The quilts that are made by members will be donated to a number of organizations, including Little Warriors Bee Brave Ranch, Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation and Drayton Valley Early Childhood Development Centre.

Last year the society donated 40 quilts. The guild has about 40 members from Drayton Valley and surrounding area and has been operating for the past 25 years.

The members are excited about the upcoming pieces to Masterpieces Quilt Show at the Mackenzie Centre



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Former President of Drayton Valley Hearts & Hands Quilters Guild Susan O'Connor shows off charity quilts.

where more than 200 quilts will be on display. The show that happens every two years will take place on May 2 and May 3 at the Mackenzie Conference Centre. It will have a "merchant mall" which would mean vendors would come down to the show.

The last show saw about 800 people come in from various provinces including B.C., Sask., and M.B. A charity raffle takes place at the show and the profits will be shared with three charities including STARS.

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school notebook

NOTEBOOK from pg. 24

FLORADO

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school notebook

LEARNING LOCAL POLITICS



Lesley Allan Westerns renew

On April 15 Grade 6 students from Aurora Elementary got a taste of municipal politics when they visited Drayton Valley County Council Chambers and observed the morning portion of the council meeting.

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Drayton Valley River Boat Association

Looking for Members!!

Meeting to be held
April 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. At
Hydro Vacuum
Oilfield Services
(behind Fountain Tire)
Ideas and agenda will be discussed
at the meeting



For More information please contact
Derek Nelson (780) 542-2626 or
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NOTEBOOK from pg. 26
Gold and Flu season's over. Please keep your child's home if they are unwell.

It's the season for several changes of clothing! Parents/guardians, can you please put an extra change of clothing (socks and underpants included) in your child's backpack on locker. With our weather so unpredictable it's better to be safe than sorry.

Please pull into a parking spot (where there is NO yellow paint) when dropping off or picking up students in the back of front parking lots of the school.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents, please make sure you call the office or e-mail kenne.lerner@valley.ca about 48 hours in advance. If you have a question, please call or e-mail kenne.lerner@valley.ca.

Magie show fund-raiser for Shark Park - confirmation - 1:30 to 5 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Alumni class - 11 a.m. May 5 - Confirmation class at 5 p.m.

Entwistle School news

Les Worthington

Special to the Western News

It looks like spring has finally arrived! Some of our March high lights at Entwistle School include:

Our thanks to the friends of Entwistle Learning society (1100s) and parent volunteers for all of their hard work organizing the Little Caesar Pizza Kits and Varsity Bulbs fundraisers! I would also like to congratulate Morgan Perryman who finished first in the pizza sales and will get to be the Principal for a Day!

On Mar. 22 BOELS hosted a comedy night. The event was well attended and monies raised will go towards the kitchen renovation.

Cold lunches are available to be ordered. Additional information can be found in this month's newsletter.

Several students from our

p.m. in the Seminar Room - Tim Harrison's class - Mrs. Mallory's class - morning 11 a.m.

Please check our website for up-to-date information.

DRAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Written by the DCS News Team

Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart was on Apr. 11. Hoops for Heart was basically just doing different activities with a basketball in groups. Hoops for Heart was for grades five to nine. Jump Rope for Heart was doing different stations with skipping ropes. All that practice in gym came in handy as these were the skills at each station. There was normal skipping as well as some fun stuff to do with the skipping ropes. Jump Rope for Heart was for grades 4 & 5. All of the elementary students did it.

The leaders of Jump Rope Hoops for Heart were: Madison Anna, Maria Nevech, Jonny, Zannah, Valera, Brooke, Inez, Sydney, Brandon, Rae Lynne and Miss Haglund. The school raised \$1,154. Great job you guys!

The Grade 1 & 4 students did it at the Drayton Valley Ken Club Performing Arts

entertainment of Learning (parent teacher surveys) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you would like to schedule a time with me, please call the school at 780-727-3811.

Coffee time with Mr. Worthington will be on May 26 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the morning. This time is open to parents and community members. Please feel free to stop by.

— I am Worthington is the principal at Entwistle School. If you have any questions, comments, celebrations or concerns, please feel free to e-mail worthington@psd70.ab.ca or call me 780-727-3811 any time.

On Apr. 23 and Apr. 24 we will be hosting our second Cal

Festival. Congratulations to the Grade 1 & 2 for earning gold at the festival. The Lord with the Sould Trumpets and 'Soul Song' and 'Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel'.

EVERGREEN

School is back in full flight after a great spring break! The weather has finally turned, and the grass is starting to turn green. With this nice new weather, just a quick reminder to please make sure students are still coming to school with proper spring clothing! A light jacket and spare pair of outside shoes will help them keep warm and dry as the snow finishes melting.

We have had a lot of fun activities and events at Evergreen School, with more just around the corner. Mrs. Turner's Grade 1 class was excited to receive free book bags and books thanks to EPCOR and the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation Share a Book Program.

On Apr. 22 Evergreen will be having a Recycled Hat Day to celebrate Earth Day. On May 7, the Division 2 students in Grades four, five and six will be putting on a Math

but for Education Week! It will be open to classrooms in the community from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will also be open for the public from 6 to 8 p.m. Come and try our interactive, hands-on puzzles while having some fun!

Grades five and six have also started the second round of our Evergreen Archers After School Club. It takes place on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parents,

please make sure you have arranged for your students to make it home safely after wards.

A wonderful week everyone. Get out there and enjoy the Spring!

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FORT STUDENTS' PAWS FOR A BREAK

Fort Saskatchewan Record
Writing late-night essays, preparing presentations and studying for final exams sometimes it can get a bit overwhelming at the end of term for some post-secondary students.

But help to calm students' nerves and to help them "paws" for a few moments came in the form of a wagging tail last Wednesday.

Instead of checking out a book, students can check out a dog to help ease exam stress.

With a wagging golden tail in between the book stacks, Mayzie, a Nova Scotia duck-tolling retriever, will allow students to unwind and forget about end of term worries, at least for a few hours, at the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library.

From what I've heard, she just changes the whole mood and she's not so much of a distraction, as she is a tool for the students to relax and regain their focus, and take a few moments to sort of regroup, get their

perspective back, regroup and get back to their projects and their studying," said Stacey Wegner, a public services librarian with the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library.

The program Paws for a Break is aimed at assisting post-secondary students from Fort Saskatchewan attending NAIT, Mount Allison University or the University of Alberta, as well as adult students taking distance education.

On a drop-in basis, students can either check out Mayzie to pet for a few minutes or for however long they would like.

Wegner said she's heard a lot of excitement about the program from students in the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library. "I've heard from a number of NAIT students who said they'd rearrange their schedules so they can take a break to the Fort and spend some time with Mayzie, especially since it's the start of the busy exam period coming up."

Mayzie has a calming temperament, as she has a doggone extensive training with Therapy Dogs International.

Her handler will be on-hand all night during the visit.

Wegner related Mayzie also has travelled to Stratford County Library for therapy visits.

She said using therapy dogs to help students through the final exam period started at Yale University's Faculty of Law a few years ago and ever since then, its popularity has spread throughout the United States and Canada.

"There's been a lot of research done proving that spending time with a trained therapy dog can decrease stress – both physical symptoms of stress and emotional as well," Wegner explained.

She added for those worried about allergies, the handler and owner follow a vigorous grooming process before each therapy visit to make sure Mayzie is as allergy-friendly as possible.

To find out more about Therapy Dogs International, visit their website www.tdi-dog.org.

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STUDENT QUESTIONS MLA'S STANCE

Audrie Echo
Audrie student Jonathon Barrett said he is surprised legislation that would mandate schools to support gay straight alliances (GSA) was voted down.

"I think it's absolutely outrageous," said the Grade 12 George McDougall High School student.

On April 7, Liberal MLA Kent Hehr introduced Bill 501 which proposed that schools be required to allow the creation of GSA when students request them.

Nineteen MLAs voted in favour of the bill, while 31 including Audrie MLA Rob Gaetz, voted against.

Currently, there are GSA at both Beechburg and George McDougall High schools.

In 2005, the Alberta Teachers' Association members passed a policy supporting the establishment of GSA along with a guide for teachers on how to support and sustain them.

The groups are meant to act as a tool for combating bullying, reducing discrimination and promoting human rights.

Barrett said these groups are instrumental in providing a safe supportive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) students.

"Personally, I felt a lot safer," said Barrett of learning about the GSA club at his school when he first came out.

"My biggest fear when coming out was that I would get picked on," he said, adding the alliance helped him "figure stuff out."

Barrett said he is more surprised than disappointed that

more politicians didn't vote in favour of the legislation.

He said he's heard from friends in other schools that their principal simply won't allow for the alliance, leaving those students without peer support.

"We can get married. It's Canada. We're supposed to be one of the most accepting countries and here in Alberta they are denying the legislation," he said.

Barrett wasn't the only local upset with the news.

Michelle Glavine, the president of the Rocky View Teachers' Association Local 35 said in response to the three MLAs voting down this motion, Rocky View Teachers have committed to sending three RV's students to Camp Firefly, a leadership retreat for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, inter-

sexual, queer, questioning and allied youth.

"We are disappointed our local MLAs (Rob Anderson — Airdrie, Bruce McAllister — Chestermere-Rocky View, Ron Casey — Cochrane-Canmore) all voted against ensuring school environments are safe places for LGBTQ students," she said.

Glavine said Rocky View Schools and the teachers have worked hard to create safe spaces for students through policies and supporting the establishment of GSA in its schools.

"People need to understand we are all very much making sure there's a bully-free environment for our LGBTQ students," said MLA Rob Anderson in response to the criticism he has received.

"The majority of MLAs felt that mandating one organization over another was not necessary. All schools are able to start GSA and we felt that legislation was an overreach."

He said he felt the creation of anti-bullying strategies should be left to local schools and school boards and noted that the education minister was one of the 31 to vote against Bill 501.

"In RV's division, for example, they allow for the creation of GSA because they find that effective and we support that," he said.

"In our Catholic system they want to address the issue of bullying in a way that is more respectful of taking care of the anti-bullying issue while respecting the religious faith and so forth."

Drayton Valley/Devon MLA Diana McQueen was among the 31 MLAs who voted against legislation support for the clubs.

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ARM WRESTLING WITH THE PAST

Edmonton Examiner
According to the vice president of Alberta Arm Wrestling, 'Nice Guy' Jeff Miller, Edmonton has a rich history of arm wrestling and its popularity is increasing as of late.

"The sport has been around since the '50s in North America. There hasn't been anything much going on before then."

Right now we have probably 100 to 150 members in Alberta. When I started in Edmonton seven years ago, there were two or three guys out. Now there are 15 to 20. People are becoming interested again."

Miller attributes a lot of the renewed interest to the Game of Arms arm wrestling television show. Although the show can be a little over the top, Miller believes that it is mostly entertaining.

Although arm wrestling has the tough guy image, some tough guys end up staying away.

"They don't want to be embarrassed to lose," Miller said. "But anyone can do it. You don't have to be strong, you just have to train and there's so much technique. I would say that success in arm wrestling is half technique and half strength."

Your technique will add to your strength and every one has a decent amount of strength. There is lots of rotation and twisting and your technique makes you stronger."

Top roll technique, the hook technique and the scissor press are the three best-known styles. These styles, according to Miller, are as much about preventing injury as they are at promoting winning.

"When I first arm wrestled, I hurt myself," he said. "I didn't know what I was doing. I wasn't arm wrestling safe. But then I

learned some technique and it's been great since then."

"You can still get hurt though, like in any sport but it's not that likely. It's not over risky as compared to other sports. I don't like people arm wrestling with those who haven't had experience."

As for why arm wrestling is enjoyable, Miller was straightforward.

"It's a lot more fun than doing arm curls in the gym," Miller said. "It's a better workout. Also, it's a good group of people, you go to practice and it is like hanging out with your buds. Everyone from 15 to 60-year olds."

"Also, it's a fun experience without the risk of combat. Some people would be turned off by this, but some are drawn to it."

"I like the challenge of one on one competition. It can be stressful to not win, but that is what it is. It's a lot better than getting brain damage doing MMA (mixed martial arts)."

For more information on arm wrestling clubs in Edmonton visit armwrestling.ca

STAVELY COULD BE HOME TO MEDICINAL GROW-UP

Nanton News
The town of Stavely could be the site of a medical marijuana production facility.

Stavely Town council has passed the first reading of an amendment of the Town Land Use Bylaw to allow the facility as industrial use.

Chief Administrative Officer Clayton Gillespie said that council recently listened to a presentation from an investor who is potentially seeking a site in Stavely for setting up a medical marijuana production facility.

"Council liked what they heard and made the decision to start the process of amending our Land Use Bylaw to accommodate this type of facility in our industrial land use district," says Gillespie.

A public hearing was scheduled for last week for feedback from the public on the proposed use before proceeding with the final two readings to amend the land use bylaw.

"The potential investor is still a long ways from starting but wanted to discuss the idea with council, to see what they thought — even if the bylaw amendment goes through the medical marijuana production facility may or may not happen," says Gillespie.

However, the Municipal District (MD) of Willow Creek council has been concerned of the impact of medical marijuana production facilities that might be developed in its municipal boundaries. Reeve Neil Wilson says MD council is concerned Health Canada can approve facilities without consulting the MD or RCMP Health Canada, as a federal government agency, trumps the municipal zoning and authority and is the sole authority for approving facilities through its licensing branch, Wilson says.

In February, the council sent a resolution to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) regarding this, stating concerns Health Canada's inspection services and follow up for these facilities might be inadequate and there might be significant gaps in the administration, management and policing of these facilities leading to an increase in criminal activity surrounding these facilities, an increase in improper use and improper sale of products from these facilities and a growing public concern regarding the placement, regulating and inspection of these facilities. The MD requested the AAMDC lobby for municipal control of such developments as part of municipal zoning authority.

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WAYNE K. HALLDORSON
FEBRUARY 17, 1955 - MARCH 18, 2014



After his third courageous battle with cancer, the family and friends of Wayne Halldorson are saddened to announce his passing on March 18, 2014. Wayne was a long time resident of Mississauga, Ontario since 1987.

Wayne is predeceased by his parents William, Irene and brother Gary. He is survived by his daughter Shannon (Brian) Bittner and grandchildren, Prudence and Locklyn Brothers Kent, Audrey, Brian, Gloria and sister Cheryl (Norm) Tucker. Nieces, Sherry, Jessica (Tim), Jennifer (Dana), Tasha Aurora, Sierra, and nephew Landon.

Wayne would always accept the person as they are, as an individual without conditions, much like family. You can go extended stretches of weeks/months without talking and hanging out, yet there's no doubt about your relationship. Activities get busy, circumstances arise, but our friendships remain fully intact. Wayne's life was his family and friends. He was not a material guy! He always put others before himself. He took great joy and pride in taking his nieces shopping. Wayne was famous for his mechanical skills. He was highly respected by his fellow co-workers, always full of encouragement and a man of his word.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all his friends in Mississauga for their support in his final days.

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Obituaries

DUANE SCOTT KEHL
November 15, 1940 - April 13, 2014

Suddenly on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at the University of Alberta Hospital, Duane Kehl aged 71 years, beloved husband of Kathy Kehl of Stony Plain formerly of Drayton Valley passed away.

Besides his loving wife Kathy of 51 years he leaves to cherish his memory his son Blaine (Kim Tymko) of Edmonton, daughter Laurie Summers (David) of Redwood, SK, Dawn Hook (Perry) of Drayton Valley, also surviving are his grandchildren Mailee Summers (Megan Mann), Amber Ouyamoun (Gordon), Mike Hook (Lucy), Rebecca Hook (Andrew Denure) and 3 great grandchildren Liam, Cohen and Eden as well as numerous nieces and nephews -aunts and friends.

Duane was predeceased by his parents as well as his brother and sister.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of his life was held on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Drayton Valley, with Mr. Duayne Henley officiating.

If friends so desire memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation 10985-124 St. Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H9 or to the Westview Health Centre 4405 South Park Dr., Stony Plain, Alberta T7E 2N7.

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ETHEL MINNIE STEPANIUK (Nee Elliott)
January 27, 1921 - April 14, 2014

On Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Drayton Valley Hospital, Ethel Stepaniuk aged 93 years passed peacefully with her family by her side.

She leaves to cherish her memory's children Ethel Robinson (Entistle, Ken Stepaniuk (deceased) of Ft. Saskatchewan, Ron Stepaniuk (Colleen) of Clearmont, Elsie Hutter (Leonard) of Ft. Saskatchewan and Joyce Rachuk (Craig Whitton) of Spruce Grove, 27 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother Charles "Aubrey" Elliott (Walter of Chalfault, BC and sister Louise Anderson of Burnhead as well as numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Ethel was predeceased by her husband George in 1974, her parents, brother Eric (Ellen) Elliott and son in law James Robinson, Bob Rachuk and brother in law Nels Anderson.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Entistle Community Church with Pastor Larry Muthorn officiating. Interment in the Royalwood Cemetery.

If friends so desire memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation 10985-124 St. Edmonton, Alberta T5M 0H9.

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ROBERT (BOB) BROOKS
Nov 14, 1931 - April 25, 2013

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We love you & miss you Berna & families

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Allen M. Schetzle
Oct 12, 1952 - April 18, 2014



Always my Barks, loving you forever your Barks

Thank You Notes

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, phone calls, hugs and kind words of condolences at this time. Thanks to George & Betty Thomson for the services, and the music. Most for the lovely Tammy & family for the power point and Mom's letters for coming from B.C.

Also thanks to Gerry's House, Drayton Valley Hospital, Red Deer Hospital, ambulance attendants and Dr. Murphy for the care given to our mother during her last days.

Thanks to the ladies of the Berrybrook 3 B's club for the wonderful lunch, Luncheon Hall and The Flower Farm for the beautiful flowers. Thank you for the donations to The Bells.

Thanks to Cheryl, Faith & Lane of Drayton Valley Funeral Services for your compassion and understanding at this time.

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- 1 A bad
- 11 Any of 3 variants of Vishnu
- 12 Odor masking toiletry
- 16 Abba - 1960s politician
- 17 An envious person
- 18 Any speed competitor
- 19 Manitoba hockey team
- 24 The Bay State
- 25 Tees with cowlike catkins
- 26 Central area of a church
- 27 2 year old sheep
- 28 Interpret written words
- 29 Greek goddess of youth
- 30 Baffling maneuver
- 31 Shapes
- 32 Decreased
- 34 Ty
- 38 Unbelie
- 39 Traditional Hindu rhythms
- 40 Heron capital
- 43 Prayer leader in a mosque
- 44 A sheep up to the age of one year
- 45 Soldier in an airborne unit
- 49 What a cow chews
- 50 K particle
- 51 50 cent pieces
- 53 Tiquia center
- 54 2011 Stanley Cup winners
- 56 Inner tract of a grass spikelet
- 58 The Show-Me State
- 59 Self-mutilation by fire ritual
- 60 Offshoot interests
- 63 Amounts of time
- 64 Sally
- 65 Guinea currency, 1975 B5

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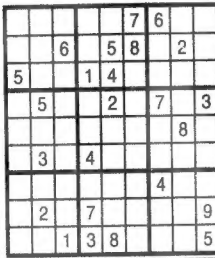
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- 5 Boundary
- 6 Predominant
- 7 Royal Observatory
- 8 Promotion
- 9 Rich multilayered cake
- 10 River between Iran and Armenia
- 13 Carrier's invention
- 14 Banes
- 15 Catastrophe
- 20 Atomic #77
- 21 A note appended to a letter
- 22 Licks
- 23 Adam's wife
- 27 Counterbalance
- 29 Breakback star's initials
- 30 Golf score
- 31 Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 32 Old English
- 33 Pod legume
- 36 Upper arm muscle
- 38 Japanese warrior
- 39 On, God!
- 40 Scottish cap
- 41 Expresses surprise
- 42 Carbon particles
- 43 4th cognomen
- 44 "Joy Luck Club" actress Irene
- 45 Hairs

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A difficult challenge lies ahead. Aries. Set up your energy for the next few days, and keep socializing to a minimum for the time being.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
The path you have been taking seems more stable, Taurus. This is a good way to go for a while. You will find others are looking to you more for advice. It's a role you enjoy.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gems: A string of bad luck is not as bad as it seems. Like most things, this too, shall pass. Keep your chin up, and hang out with friends to keep your mind busy.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
A great opportunity presents itself this week. Cancer. Focus your energy on making the most of this opportunity, and you will be glad for having done so.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, speak a little louder to ensure your voice is heard on an important issue this week. Your spirit is valuable, and these actions you will be glad you spoke up.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sep 22
Virgo, a new career opportunity is coming your way soon. Make the most of this opportunity if change is something you feel you need at this point in your career.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Think about moving in a new direction. Pisces change can be a good thing, and you will benefit from embracing change this time.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra spending leaves you a little tight in the wallet. Libra. Look for ways to generate some extra income or curtail your spending in the months ahead.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a bumpy road will soon get way to graver pastures. Ride out this rough patch with a smile on your face, and it will pass quickly without wreaking any significant havoc.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a relationship is blossoming and you're not sure in which direction it's going. Trust your gut instincts, and things will work out fine.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
You are tougher than others suspect! Capricorn, and you will prove your mettle with a difficult task that requires all of your focus and energy to master. Others will be impressed.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Things are changing, but it's for the best. Aquarius, instead of going against the tide, let the waves take you where you need to go. Surprises are in store.

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Make your kitchen work for you

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Does it feel like your kitchen is working against you rather than for you? Although you might spend a lot of time in the kitchen, it doesn't suit your needs if it can't make you wish you were just about anywhere else.

Meeting users' needs is precisely the idea behind universal design — it considers the abilities and limitations of those who use the space to create a design that is smart and safe and easy to use for everyone in your household.

Sound like your dream kitchen? It is possible. First, start by thinking about everyone who uses the kitchen and how they use it. For example, is there a gourmet cook among you or do you prefer to microwave prepared food? How many cooks are usually in the kitchen at the same time? Do you or anyone in your family have a disability or age-related mobility issue that affects the way you prepare food?

If you have a good idea of

who uses the kitchen and how they use it, ask yourself some questions.

First, does your kitchen's location work well? For example, the ideal location may be near your home's main entrance or beside the dining area. Next, think through all the kitchen tasks in relation to all of the things necessary to get the tasks done. A task such as unloading the dishwasher is easier when most of the dish storage is within arm's reach. Is your kitchen easy to work in? Is your kitchen comfortable and safe to move around in? Are there enough work surface areas and are the appliances, sink and garbage located within an efficient, compact work triangle?

Cramped kitchens are difficult to work in and are often unsafe. For instance, if you or a family member uses a walker or wheel chair, you need space to manoeuvre and you may need to adapt features like counters with adjustable heights or trash drawers instead of under counter cabinets to enable easier access.

Is your kitchen set up effectively for everyone who uses it? Planning for efficiency of effort and ease of use incorporates features such as room lighting, a place to sit or down to rest, a lower workstation, and storage materials



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Kitchens should be roomy, safe and easy to use, whether you're a gourmet cook or prefer takeout food.

as when they can be easily seen and reached.

Is your kitchen easy to clean? Unfortunately, universal kitchen design can't create a kitchen that magically cleans itself, but it can help minimize the effort needed to clean. When making decisions about new appliances, countertops, and floors consider surface finishes — some are easier to clean and maintain than others.

Is your kitchen too noisy? Make sure the sound level isn't too high. Noise from the kitchen can be a nuisance. Consider soundproofing as well as quick access to water and a gas shut-off valve.

A universal kitchen design — one that is roomy, safe and easy to use for everyone — may just be the kitchen of your dreams. To learn more, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has an About Your House fact sheet called *Accommodating Housing by Design — Kitchens*. Download your free copy at www.cmhc.ca.

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These are a few of Chery's favourite things

Surround yourself with the things you love

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In my career I'm constantly challenged and encouraged to learn new things and find better ways to decorate and dress stylishly, eat healthy, keep fit and live better.

Every week on the "At Home with Cheryl and Sam" national radio show, the best of the best in the lifestyle field join us to share their wisdom and expertise — how fabulous is that?

This week, I thought I would share, just in case you missed the radio show, a few of our favourite ideas that we brought home and now have adopted as our own.

The first was a creative and money-saving idea from my friend Denis Flanagan, past gardener to the Queen and always fabulous outdoor expert and landscaper extraordinaire. Denis shared the best design trend of using tropical plants to fill our patio containers this year, so I headed out to my local greenhouse and picked up some ferns and majestic palms.

This also saved a fortune because



Cheryl Gillespie

this is the time of year when greenhouse are clearing out their tropicals to make room for annuals, perennials and all other outdoor varieties.

With tropicals leading in my cart went to the garden section for a some low light blooms that match light and water requirements of the tropicals. This is important to remember when designing any of your containers. I opted for some stunning all white varieties. The containers are now all planned and I think, look fabulous.

Now in the kitchen I loved the money saving and incredibly convenient idea of keeping butter wrappers in the freezer to use for

greasing pans from out, just insert your 2x2x8, superfood and healthy living expert. I used to simply toss them in the trash and now they are the perfect way to grease pans and loaf tins.

The next tip I adopted as my own was to chop up old bananas, put them in a freezer bag and keep them for banana bread and smoothies, both family favourites. While I always kept whole bananas in the freezer, I didn't think to peel and chop them, so much more convenient than peeling a frozen banana.

I love iced coffee but what I didn't like was the saturated down version you get when you add ice. Now, I freeze leftover coffee in ice cube trays to use to fill my iced lattes.

Having long very thick hair that loves to be highly conditioned, now I regularly use coconut oil in my hair and on my skin to soften and condition. It's expensive and works brilliantly to keep hair and skin shiny, smooth and lush.

On my en suite vanity I have a lovely white ceramic, lidless bowl filled with this miracle oil, as recommended by our fun radio guest and hair guru, Ken Paves.

I can't wait for next month to look

ba at all the new ideas we brought home to help us live fabulously.

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Make sure you're healthy at home



Protect your family from hazards

Canadians spend a lot of time indoors, so it's important to ensure that our homes are safe, healthy places to live. By learning about health hazards that can exist in our homes, we can better protect our health and the health of our family and visitors.

Did you know that many common household products contain chemical substances that can be harmful to health? Young children in particular need extra care and protection from products that contain chemicals — they are naturally curious and don't easily recognize hazards.

Here's a checklist you can print as a reminder of ways you can protect yourself and family from unwanted chemical hazards.

- I have emergency phone numbers posted near or on my phone.
- I keep chemical products such as cleaning liquids and powders, polishes, drain cleaners, paint thinners, and windshield washer fluids locked up and away from young children.
- I make sure that my child-resistant closures are working.
- I read and follow all labeling information carefully in order to use products safely and I learn the meanings of all warning symbols.
- I teach children what hazardous labels mean.
- I learn about a chemical before I use it and look for other options that may be a healthier choice.
- I never mix household chemicals together.
- I open windows when painting or varnishing.
- I change air filters regularly for things like furnaces and ventilation systems and cooking exhaust fans.
- I also ensure kitchen and bathroom vents send air outside.
- I keep the door between the garage and the house firmly closed.
- I ask all family members and visitors to remove their shoes when coming in to keep floors free from harmful bacteria and other substances that can be tracked in.

Every day, countless families are exposed to avoidable household hazards. By following simple steps, you can help to keep your family safe and healthy.

More information and tips are available at no cost through Health Canada's Hazardcheck website. Read or order copies online at HealthCanada.ca/Hazardcheck or call 1-800-0-CANADA.

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